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(SBU) PolOff delivered reftel points on opposing the two UNGA Lebanon-related resolutions to MFA Head of Sector for Multilateral Relations Goran Stevcevski on October 25. Stevcevski said that the GOM will consider the U.S. position, but made it clear that Macedonia likely would follow the joint EU position on the matter. (NOTE: The GOM generally supports USG positions at the UNGA. As an EU candidate country, however, Macedonia usually feels "bound" to follow the joint EU position, if it exists, on an UNGA resolution, even if the USG opposes it. If there is no EU consensus, Macedonia generally will abstain or support the USG position. END NOTE.)
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